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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Carl-Eike Hofmeister  
Serial Number: Unassigned  
Filed: September 14, 2006  
Group Art: Unassigned  
Examiner: Unassigned  
Title: **METHOD FOR MONITORING THE OPERABILITY OF  
A FUEL INJECTION SYSTEM**

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Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the initial review of this national stage application referenced above by Carl-Eike Hofmeister entitled "**METHOD FOR MONITORING THE OPERABILITY OF A FUEL INJECTION SYSTEM**" filed September 14, 2006, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.